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1. Workers at Shanghai airfields are busily repairing former Nationalist airplanes which have been brought to Shanghai from various parts of China. The repaired airplanes are immediately dispatched to Taiyuan Airfield (112-30, 37-52).^{*} During January and February 1951, four C-46 planes were repaired at Kiangwan Airfield, Shanghai. Parts needed for repairs were obtained by cannibalizing other planes; usually it was necessary to take parts from three or four planes to get one into operation. Frequently, the repaired planes were in operation only a short time before they were in need of additional repairs.
2. The three searchlights and six anti-aircraft guns which arrived at Kiangwan Airfield** from the USSR in early 1951 are arranged in a triangle with a searchlight at each corner and two anti-aircraft guns along each side and between each two searchlights. The precise location of this equipment at the airfield is not known.*** The anti-aircraft gunners fire from a sitting position.
3. Chinese workers at Shanghai airfields are not permitted to converse directly with Soviet advisers and technicians,**** and lapses are severely punished. In order to reduce the number of contacts between Soviets and Chinese, the latter are provided with bicycles for use in traveling from the airfields to their dormitories, and are forbidden to ride in trucks carrying Soviets. Chinese workers receive a 24-hour holiday each week, and the duty staff is at its lowest point between 1700 hours on Saturday and 1700 hours on Sunday.
4. In the Tachang Airfield area about 150 workers, under overall direction by Soviets and supervision by Chinese, are working on the railway being constructed from the airfield to the Shanghai North Station. Their working hours are from 0800 to 1800 hours daily.*****

7. Comment. The Taiyuan Airfield was reported to be the largest in China and a "gathering base." [REDACTED]

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25X1 ** [] Comment. In mid-March 1951, plans were under way to enlarge this
25X1 airfield. []

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25X1 参考消息 [] Comment. In mid-January 1951, most of the 200 Soviet technicians
and pilots reported to be in Shanghai were billeted in Hungjao and
Kiangwan Airfields. The innermost ring of guards at the Kiangwan Air-
field consisted of Soviets only. []

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and Hungjao Airfields to the Shanghai North Station.

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